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normal-state image scene associated with at least one of the video cameras, the existence of the deviation being used as the basis for generating an externally derived command, and

a high-capacity storage medium, and programmed to perform the following functions:

display the digitally compressed images from the cameras in different windows on the display screen, each window being associated with an update rate and dimensions in pixels,

vary the dimensions and the rate at which a particular image is updated in its window in accordance with one of the externally derived commands,

store the digitally compressed images in the high-capacity storage medium, and

vary the dimensions and the rate at which a particular image is stored in accordance with one of the externally derived commands.--

Remarks

By this amendment, claim 9 has been canceled, with its limitations being moved into claim 1, and claim 2 has been canceled, with its limitations being moved into new independent claim 17. Given that claims 2 and 9 were provisionally allowable, it is believed that claims 1 and 17 are in condition for allowance, as are claims 3-8 which now depend from claim 1 in amended form. As claims 10-16 were already allowable over the prior art, Applicant believes all claims are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner also asked for further clarification as to the limitations in claim 2 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. This claim, now forming part of new independent claim 17, has been

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amended to conform more closely to that section of the specification wherein support therefore may be found, in particular, at page 17, lines 6-17.

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